CHARLES, By the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. TO Our right truſty and right welbeloued Couſin, *William* Earle of Northampton, Preſident of Our Councell within the Dominion, Principality, and Marches of Walles, greeting. KNOW ye, that for the great and ſinguler truſt and confidence, that We haue in your approued fidelitie, wiſedome and circumſpection, We haue aſſigned, made, conſtituted, and ordeined, and by theſe preſents doe aſſigne, make, conſtitute, and ordeine you to bee our Lieutenant within the Principality and Dominions of South-Wales and North-wales, (Our Counties of Glamorgan and Monmouth only excepted) the Marches thereunto adioyning, and the ſeuerall Counties of Worceſter, Hereford, and Salop, and in all corporate and priuiledged places within the Limits or Precincts of the Principalitie, Dominions, Marches, and Counties aforeſaid, or any of them, as well within Liberties as without: And by theſe preſents doe giue full power and authoritie vnto you, That you, from time to time may leuie, gather, and call together, all and ſinguler Our Subiects, of what eſtate, degree or dignitie, they or any of them bee, dwelling or inhabiting within the Principalitie, Dominions, Marches and Counties aforeſaid, aſwel within Liberties as without, meet and apt for the Warres, and them from time to time to trie, array, and put in readineſſe; And them alſo, and euery of them after their abilities, degrees and faculties, well and ſufficiently from time to time, to cauſe to be armed and weaponed; And to take the Muſters of them from time to time, in places moſt meet for that purpoſe, after your diſcretion: And alſo the ſame Our Subiects ſo arrayed, tried, and armed, aſwell Horſemen, Archers, and Footmen as other men of Armes, of all kindes and degrees, meet and apt for the Warres, to leade, and conduct, aſwel againſt all and ſinguler Our enemies, as alſo againſt all and ſingulerRebels, Traytors, and other offenders and their adherents againſt Vs, Our Crowne and dignity, within the ſaid Principalitie and Dominions of North-Wales and South-Wales, the Marches of the ſame, and Counties and places aforeſayd, and euery of them from time to time, as often as need ſhall require by your diſcretion: And with the ſaid enemies, Traitors and Rebels from time to time, to fight, and them to inuade, reſiſt, ſuppreſſe, ſubdue, ſlay, kill, and put to execution of death by all wayes and meanes, from time to time by your diſcretion: And to doe, fulfill and execute from time to time, all and ſinguler other things, which ſhall be requiſite for the leuying and gouernement of Our ſaid Subiects, for the conſeruation of Our perſon and peace, ſo by you in forme aforeſaid to be leuied, and to be ledde: And further to doe, execute, and vſe againſt the ſaid enemies, Traytors Rebels, and ſuch other like offenders and their adherents afore mentioned from time to time, as neceſſitie ſhall require by your diſcretion, the Law called the *Martiall-Law*, according to the Law-martial: And of ſuch offenders apprehended, or being brought in ſubiection, to ſaue whom you ſhall thinke good to be ſaued, and to ſlay, deſtroy, and put to execution of death, ſuch, and as many of them as you ſhall thinke meet, by your good diſcretion, to be put to death. AND further, Our will and pleaſure is, and by theſe preſents We doe giue full power and authority vnto you, that in caſe any Inuaſion of Enemies, Inſurrection, Rebellion, Ryots, Routs, or vnlawfull aſſemblies, or any like offences, ſhall happen to be mooued in any place of this Our Realme, out of the limits of this Our Commiſſion, that then, and as often as need ſhal require, by your good diſcretion, or as you ſhall be directed from Vs by any ſpeciall commandement, you, with ſuch power to be leuied within the limits of your Lieutenancie, as you ſhall thinke requiſite, or as ſhall be directed from Vs, as is aforeſaid, ſhall repaire to the place, where any ſuch Inuaſion, Rebellion, vnlawfull aſſembly, or Inſurrection ſhall happen to be made, to ſubdue, repreſſe and reforme the ſame, aſwell by battell, or other kind of force, as otherwiſe by the Lawes of Our Realme, and the Law-Martiall, according to your diſcretion. AND further, We giue vnto you full power and authoritie for the execution of this Our Commiſſion, to appoint and aſſigne within the Principalitie and Dominions of South-Wales and North-Wales, the Marches thereunto adioyning, and the Counties aforeſayd, from time to time Muſter-maſters, and Prouoſt-Martials, as you in your diſcretion ſhall thinke conuenient, to vſe and exerciſe that Office, in ſuch caſes as you ſhall thinke requiſite to vſe the ſaid Law-Martiall. WHEREFORE Wee will and command you Our ſayd Lieutenant, that with all diligence ye doe execute the premiſſes with effect. AND foraſmuch as it may be, that there ſhall be iuſt cauſe for you to bee attendant vpon Our perſon, or to be otherwiſe employed in Our ſeruice, whereby this Our ſeruice of Lieutenancie committed to your fidelity, cannot be by you in perſon executed, in ſuch ſort as We haue appointed the ſame; THEREFORE Wee giue vnto you, for your better ayde and aſſiſtance, and for the better performance and execution of this ſame Our ſeruice, full power and authority to appoint, aſſigne and conſtitute by your writing, vnder your hand and Seale, within euery ſeuerall Shire and County of the ſaid Principality and Dominions of South-wales and North-wales, and the other Counties aforeſaid reſpectiuely (except before excepted) from time to time, ſo many perſons of quality, as to you Our ſaid Lieutenant ſhall ſeeme meet and conuenient to be your Deputies in the ſaid Shires and Counties, and all Corporate and Priuiledged places within the ſame. AND by this Our preſent Commiſſion, Wee giue vnto euery two or more of your ſaid Deputies, ſo being by you appointed and aſſigned as aforeſayd, full power and authority in your abſence, to doe and execute, in euery County, where they are deputed and aſſigned to be your Deputies, as aforeſayd, and in all corporate and priuiledged places, within the Limits or Precincts of the ſame County, aſwell within Liberties as without, all and ſuch, and ſo much of euery thing and things, before by this Our preſent Commiſſion, aſſigned and appointed by you to bee done and executed, and ſo farre forth as by you in your ſaid writings of deputation, ſhall be to them preſcribed and appointed to be done and executed. AND Our further pleaſure and commandement is, That your ſaid Deputies ſhall immediatly after your writings of deputation to them made, as aforeſayd, take charge and care to ſee euery ſuch point and thing of this Our Commiſſion, fully and perfectly executed in your abſence, as by you in your ſaid writings of deputation ſhall be to them preſcribed and appointed to be done and executed. AND the better to enable them ſo to doe, yee ſhall deliuer to euery two of your ſaid Deputies, ſo appointed and deputed for the ſayd ſeuerall Counties as aforeſayd, a true tranſcript of this Our Commiſſion, ſubſcribed with your hand: And whatſoeuer you alone being preſent, ſhall doe by vertue of this Our Commiſſion, or in your abſence your ſayd Deputies, or any two or more of them, ſhall doe according to the tenor and effect of your ſaid writings of deputation to be made, as is aforeſayd, the ſame ſhall be by theſe preſents diſcharged againſt Vs, Our Heires and Succeſſors. AND further, Wee will and command all and ſinguler Iuſtices of Peace, Maiors, Shiriffes, Bailiffes, Conſtables, Headboroughs, and all other Our Officers, Miniſters, and Subiects, meet and apt for the Warres, within euery of the ſaid Shires and Counties, and all corporate and priuiledged places, within the Limits or Precincts of the ſaid Shires and Counties, and euery of them aſwell within Liberties as without, to whom it ſhall appertaine, That they, and euery of them with their power and ſeruants, from time to time ſhall be attendant, aiding, and aſſiſting, counſelling, helping, and at the commandement of you, and of your ſaid Deputies, or any two or more of them reſpectiuely, as aforeſaid, in the Shires and Counties aforeſaid, and for the execution hereof in all points, as appertaineth, as they and euery of them tender Our pleaſure, and will anſwere for the contrary at their vttermoſt perils. PROVIDED alwayes, that this Our preſent Commiſſion, or any thing therein contained, ſhall not in any wiſe extend to the County of Glouceſter, the Citie of Glouceſter, or County of the ſame City, or to any of them, or to the County Palantine of Cheſter, or to the Citie of Cheſter, or to any part thereof, or to the Counties of Glamorgan, or Monmouth, or to any of them, or to any part of them, or any of them. IN WITNES whereof, We haue cauſed theſe Our Letters to be made Patents. WITNES Our ſelfe at Weſtminſter, the ninth day of May, in the firſt yeere of Our Reigne.

*Per Dominum Cuſtodem magni Sigilli Angliæ, virtute Warr. Reg.* EDMONDS.